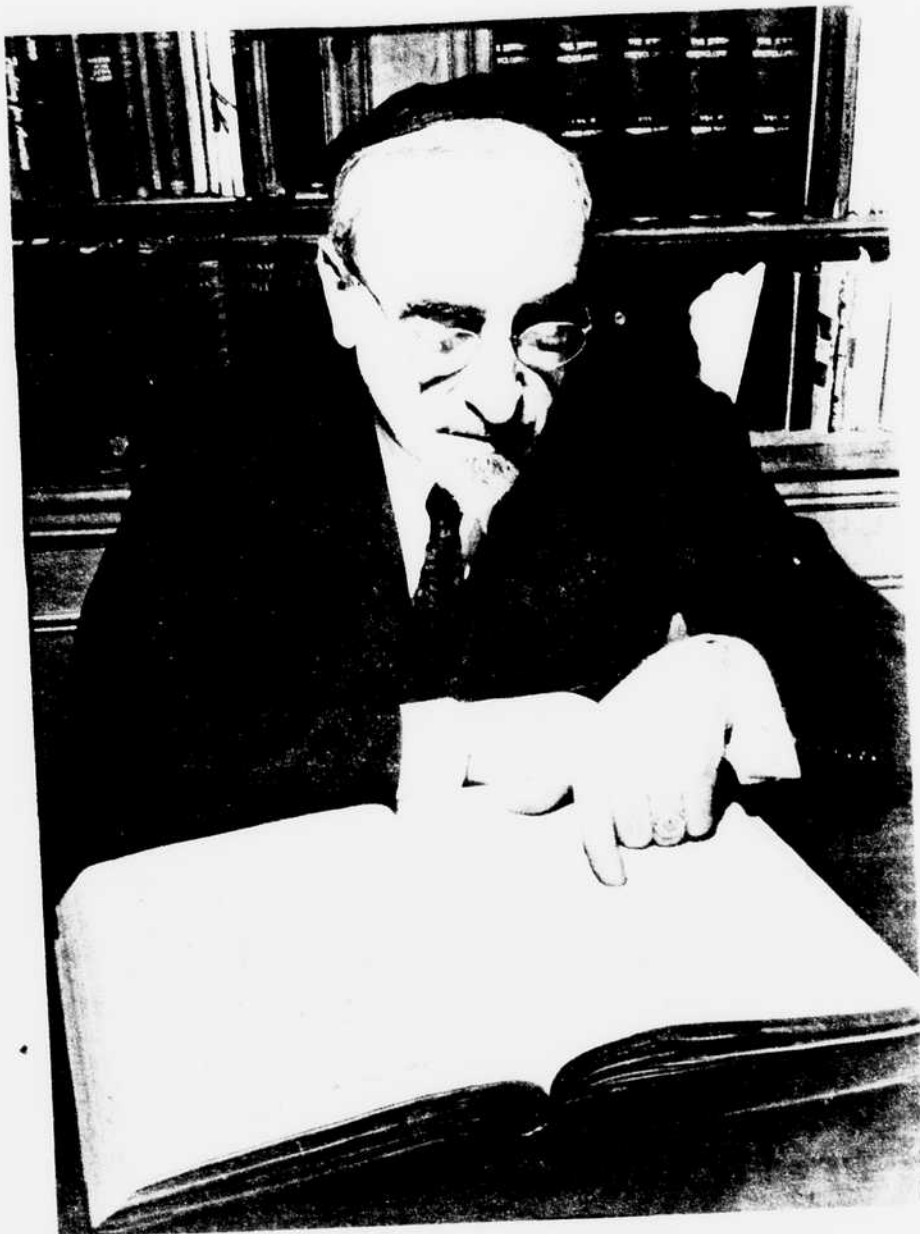
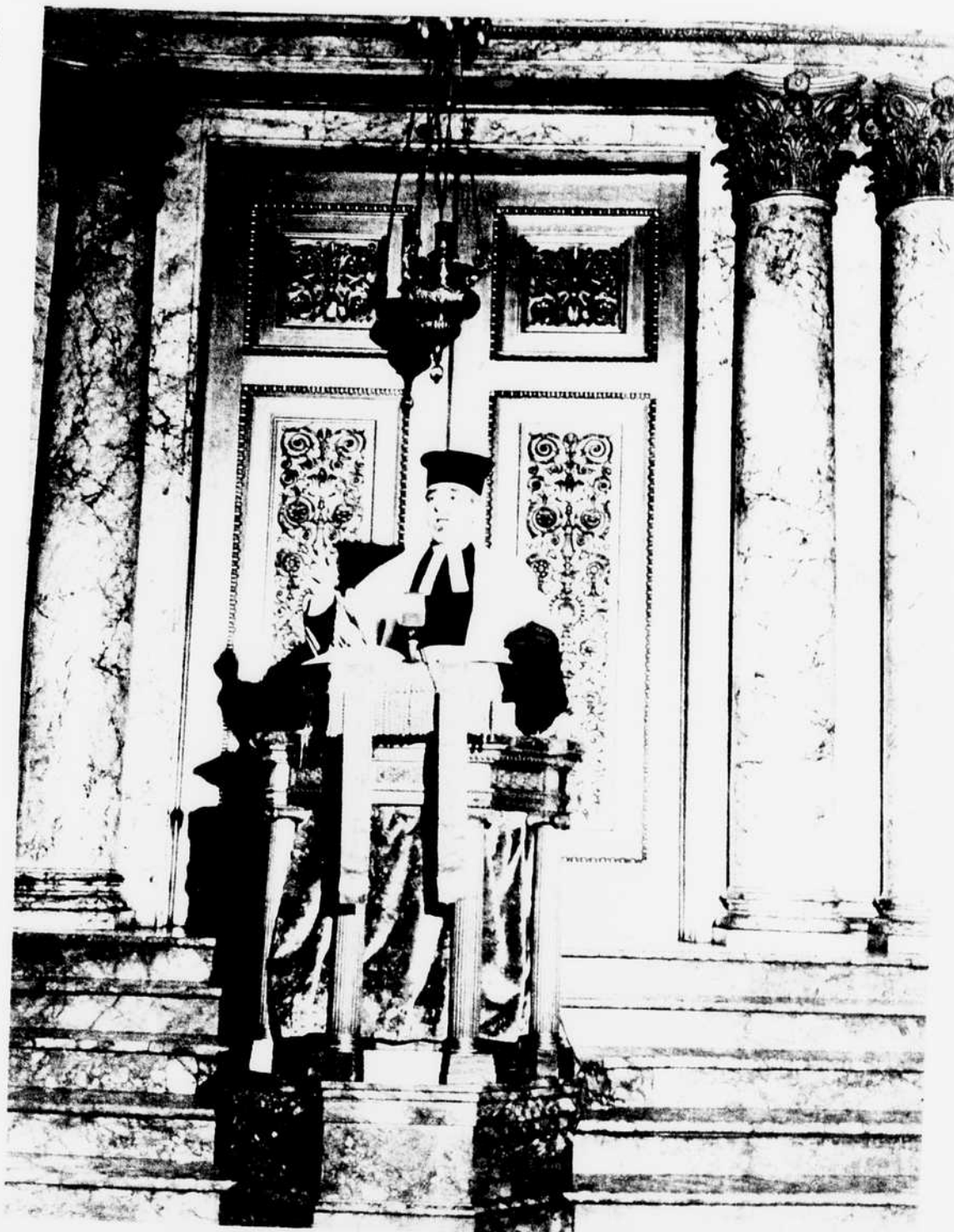


A Day in the Life of a Rabbi



Dr. David de Sola Pool, rabbi of Congregation Shearith Israel in New York City, devotes part of his day to reading the ancient Hebrew Talmud, considered by the orthodox to be the most important duty of Judaism because it leads to proper living and action.



While a rabbi is primarily a scholar and teacher, rather than a minister, he holds three services on the Sabbath. Overhead is the perpetual lamp found in all synagogues and behind the pulpit are the carved doors of the Ark, where the sacred scrolls of the law are preserved.



Teaching Jewish ceremonies and customs is part of the regular curriculum of a religious school conducted by a rabbi. School is held four times a week and on Sundays, and pupils range from 6 to 16 years of age.



One of his duties is to greet returning veterans. Shearith Israel had 163 young men in the war services. Three were killed.